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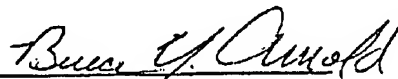
REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 are pending, with claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 having been canceled above and claim 2 having been amended above so as to be written in independent form.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner is thanked for indicating allowable subject matter on first Office Action. Reconsideration of this objection is respectfully requested in view of claim 2 having been amended above so as to include all the limitations of claim 1. As each of claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 is (directly or indirectly) dependent from claim 2, each of claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 should now be allowable. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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